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SUMMARY: CHAIRMAN HUA KUO FENG'S FIRST DAY IN TEHRAN INCLUDED CEREMONIAL WELCOME AND BANQUET GIVEN BY SHAH AT NIAVARAN PALCE. SHAH ANNOUNCED IN BANQUET SPEECH THAT CULTURAL ACCORD WILL BE SIGNED DURING HUA'S VISIT AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY TOWARD SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. HUA'S ANSWERING SPEECH ALSO MENTIONED TWO PACTS. WHILE MAKING NO DIRECT REFERENCE TO SOVIET UNION, HE STRESSED CHINA'S OPPOSITION TO "AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION PURSUED BY BIG POWER HEGEMONISM." PRESS DWELT ON CHINESE SUPPORT FOR IRAN'S PERSIAN GULF SECURITY POLICY. SHAH AND HUA WILL HOLD FORMAL TALKS MORNING AUG .30, FOLLOWED

THAT AFTERNOON BY MEETING OF CHAIRMAN HUA WITH NEW PM SHARIF-EMAMI AND FONMIN AFSHAR-QASEMLU. END SUMMARY

1. CHAIRMAN HUA KUO FENG ARRIVED MEHRABAD AIRPORT 1700, AUG. 29 TO RED CARPET WLECOME. SHAH INTRODUCED NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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CABINET, AND OFFICER OF IMPERIAL GUARD READ A BRIEF SPEECH IN PERSIAN. AFTER A LITTLE GIRL PRESENTED HUA WITH BOUQUET OF FLOWERS, SHAH AND HUA WALKED TO PODIUM, WHERE NATIONAL ANTHEMS OF CHINA AND IRAN WERE PLAYED WHILE 21-GUN SALUTE SOUNDED. HUA INSPECTED GUARD OF HONOR, THEN JOINED SHAH IN LIMOUSINE RIDE TO SHAHYAD MONUMENT (ORIGINAL PLANS CALLED FOR THEM TO MAKE THE THREE KILO-

METER RIDE IN CEREMONIAL HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGE.). AT SHAHYAD MONUMENT, TEHRAN MAYOR JAVAD SHAHRESTANI PRESENTED HUA WITH KEYS TO THE CITY. SHAH AND HUA THEN WENT BY HELICOPTER TO GOLESTAN PALACE, OFFICIAL RESIDENCE FOR STATE VISITORS. LATER THAT EVENING SHAH GAVE BANQUET FOR VISITING CHINESE AT NIAVARAN PALACE.

2. IN BANQUET SPEECH SHAH EMPHASIZED "VERY ANCIENT FRIENDSHIP" BETWEEN CHINESE AND PERSIANS, AS DEMONSTRATED IN HISTORIC SILK ROAD. EVEN AFTER SILK ROAD CLOSED, BILATERAL RELATIONS CONTINUED BY SEA, AND A FLOURISHING PERSIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPED AT HANGCHOW, IN RECENT YEARS IRAN AND CHINA HAVE RENEWED ANCIENT TIES, ESPECIALLY AFTER CHINESE DELEGATION VISITED IRAN IN 1971 TO CELEBRATE 2,500 YEARS OF PERSIAN MONARCHY. WITH 1973 COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT, ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION, AND TEHRAN-PEKING AIR LINK, TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE BUILT A NEW SILK ROAD. SHAH ANNOUNCED CULTURAL AGREEMENT WILL BE SIGNED DURING HUA'S VISIT. NEGOTIATIONS ARE ALSO PROCEEDING TOWARD A TECHNICAL AND SCIENTIFIC ACCORD. SHAH'S ONLY SUBSTANTIVE FOREIGN POLICY REMARK WAS BRIEF REFERENCE TO COMMON DESIRE TO KEEP MAJOR POWERS OUT OF PERSIAN GULF/INDIAN OCEAN AREA: "OUR AFFINITY OF VIEWS ON CONSTRUCTIVE AND PEACEFUL COOPERATION AND YOUR COUNTRY'S SOLID AND DECLARED POLICY, IN WHICH IT IS UNDERLINED THAT THE PERSIAN GULF AND INDIAN OCEAN SHOULD BE UNCLASSIFIED

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REGIONS OF STABILITY AND SECURITY AND THAT THE PRESERVATION OF THIS SECURITY SHOULD BE THE SOLE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE LITTORAL STATES, ARE CLEAR EXAMPLES OF OUR MUTUAL RESPECT AND COOPERATION EMBODIED IN THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER."

3. HUA IN REPLY CLUNG ALMOST AS FAITHFULLY TO PLEASANTRIES. HE TOO RECOUNTED 2,000 YEARS OF SINO-PERSIAN RELATIONS AND ECHOED SHAH'S ANNOUNCEMENT OF CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC AGREEMENTS. AS GOI HAS MADE CLEAR IT PREFERS, HUA REFRAINED FROM DIRECT CRITICISM OF SOVIETS. INSTEAD, HE STRESSED THAT CHINA, AS A DEVELOPING THRID WORLD COUNTRY, REGARDS ALL COUNTRIES AS EQUAL, REGARDLESS OF SIZE OR STRENGTH, AND OPPOSES ATTEMPTS BY BIG POWERS TO BULLY THE SMALL: "WE ARE FIRMLY OPPOSED TO THE POLICIES OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION PURSUED BY BIG POWER HEGEMONISM AND ARE RESOLUTELY AGAINST THEIR INTERFERING IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND TRAMPLING ON THE SOVEREIGNTY AND DIGNITY OF OTHER COUNTRIES UNDER WHATEVER PRETEXT." HE DID NOT MENTION "IMPERIALISM" EXCEPT IN HISTORIC CONTEXT, NOTING THAT BOTH COUNTRIES HAD SUFFERED FROM "IMPERIALIST AGGRESSION AND OPPRESSION." THE ABSENCE OF

AN CRITICIZM OF "IMPERIALISM" IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT
PRESUMABLY REFLECTS IRAN'S SENSITIVITY TO USE OF ANY
CODE WORDS WHICH COULD BE CONSIDERED DEROGATORY TO
THE UNITED STATES. WE THEREFORE ASSUME THAT SOVIETS
WILL READ ATTACK ON "HEGEMONISM" AS ONE-SIDED SLAP AT
USSR WHILE AVOIDING EQUAL TREATMENT FOR OTHER "BIG
POWER," THE USA.

HUA ADDED THAT CHINA DESIRES TO LEARN FROM FOREIGN SCIENCE AND
TECHNOLOGY IN ORDER TO BUILD A POWERFUL SOCIALIZED COUNTRY BY END
OF CENTURY. HIS REFERENCE TO BIG POWER HEGEMONY, ALTHOUGH
VEILED IN GENERAL TERMS, BECAME FOCUS OF LOCAL PRESS
COVERAGE, WHICH AT SAME TIME NOTED HIS SUBDUED LANGUAGE
IN COMPARISON TO SPEECHES TON TWO PREVIOUS STOPS. PRESS
FEATURED HUA'S REMARKS AS SUPPORT FOR IRAN'S PERIAN
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GULF SECURITY POLICY.

4. FORMAL TALKS BETWEEN TWO LEADERS ARE SCHEDULED FOR
MORNING AUG. 30. NEW PM SHARIF-EMAMI AND FM AFSHAR-
QASEMLU, ARE SCHEDULED TO MEET HUA AFTERNOON AUG. 30 AT GOLESTAN
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